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LETTER DATED 7 APRIL 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Acting upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 28 March 1995, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a letter dated 6 April 1995 addressed to you by Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning acts of aggression and violation of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and airspace of Iraq committed on the pretext of pursuing elements that were threatening the security of Turkey.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Letter dated 7 April 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my letter dated 28 March 1995, I have the honour to inform you that the invasion of the territory of the Republic of Iraq by Turkish forces continues, in violation of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and airspace of Iraq; on the pretext of pursuing elements that threaten its security, Turkey is thus taking advantage of the difficult situation that prevails in northern Iraq. This situation was created by the United States of America and the United Kingdom, in violation not only of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the fundamental principles of international law, but also of Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

In this connection, I should like to inform you that the number of Turkish combat incursions into Iraqi territory carried out by aircraft and helicopters has increased. As shown in the appended table, the Turkish air force carried out 107 sorties, between 20 and 31 March 1995.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq categorically rejects the Turkish allegations and condemns this invasion which constitutes a flagrant and grave violation of the sovereignty, security and territorial integrity of Iraq. Despite the prerogatives accorded to it by the Charter of the United Nations, the Security Council has done nothing to react to the Turkish invasion by issuing a condemnation, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and the rules of international law.

In view of the violation of the sovereignty, political independence, security and territorial integrity of Iraq, the Security Council finds itself once again having to face up to its responsibilities.

Notwithstanding the excuses it has made, the Turkish Government, which has deployed its forces in order to invade Iraqi territory, bears full responsibility for this action, particularly since Iraq, contrary to the allegations of the Turkish Government, is in no way responsible for this situation; the latter is, in fact, a consequence of United States policy of interference in the affairs of the region and of the deployment of United States and British forces on Turkish territory, in order to intervene militarily in northern Iraq and to prevent the latter from exercising its national sovereignty over that region. Indeed, if Iraq had been able to exercise its authority in the northern part of the country, the Kurdish armed terrorist cliques and armed bands would not have been able to establish themselves in northern Iraq and in southern Turkey. The appearance of these terrorist armed bands is a result of the American policy of interference in northern Iraq which, should it continue, would result in an even greater threat to the region's security and stability; these are already seriously compromised.

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of members of the Security Council to this letter and if you would have the text circulated as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq

Enclosure

Statement of violations of airspace and shelling of Iraqi territory (number of sorties) by Turkish combat aircraft and helicopters

Date	Time	Number of sorties	Type of aircraft	Zones situated within the Republic of Iraq
20 March 1995	0800-1800	35	Combat aircraft	Irbil Rawanduz North of Dukan
21 March 1995	0800-1825	14	Combat aircraft	Zakho Amadiya Chirwan
22 March 1995	0822-1825	13	Combat aircraft	Amadiya Mirkah Sur Chirwan Biban
22 March 1995	0822-1825	12	Combat helicopters	Amadiya Mirkah Sur Chirwan Biban
23 March 1995	0917-1350	6	Combat aircraft	Zakho Amadiya Siakan Bibsan Batufah
23 March 1995	0917-1350	3	Combat helicopters	Zakho Amadiya Siakan Bibsan Batufah

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Date	Time	Number of sorties	Type of aircraft	Zones situated within the Republic of Iraq
24 March 1995	1430-1450	11 formations	Formations of 7 combat aircraft each	Zakho Dohuk Amadiya
27 March 1995	1135-1340	6	Combat aircraft	Zakho Amadiya
30 March 1995	1120-1750	4	Combat helicopters	Zakho Batufah
31 March 1995	0805-1020	3	Combat helicopters	Zakho Batufah